



Monday, February 27th, 2023

Dear {{prefix}} {{lastname}},

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Here you will be able to learn more about my work in Washington and at home serving Long Islanders.

BORDER TRIP

I recently joined several of my colleagues from the House Homeland Security Committee on a trip to the U.S.-Mexico border. We were able to visit El Paso, Texas, a border city just two miles from Juarez, Mexico, a city that is known to be controlled by drug cartels responsible for sending fentanyl into the United States. On the trip, we were briefed on the daily operations of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and Texas State Law Enforcement partners.



I am committed to working with all of my colleagues to make sure our country is safe, our border is secure, and our Law Enforcement has the tools they need to be successful. Unfortunately, the Biden Administration's failed border policies have turned communities across the country into border communities.



After my trip to the border, I am even more thankful for the incredible work performed every day by the men and women in uniform and their sacrifices. We need a comprehensive plan to secure

our border, increase physical barriers, introduce new technologies, and support Officers on the front lines of this crisis. The Administration needs to be held accountable for their inaction and I look forward to hearing from Secretary Mayorkas on Tuesday when he testifies before our Committee.

AROUND SUFFOLK COUNTY

It was a pleasure to attend and speak at the Hauppauge Industrial Association's annual Economic Summit. HIA-LI represents around 1,000 companies across Long Island, which is home to so many incredible small businesses and entrepreneurs who boost our local economy and provide good-paying jobs. As a member of the House Small Business Committee, I will work tirelessly to ensure Long Island businesses and our local economy have the support they need to thrive.



It was great to see some of Riverhead's Finest after attending a meeting downtown. Thank you to all of the Law Enforcement across New York's First for their incredible work keeping our communities safe!



After a quick Urban Coffee in Greenlawn with Huntington Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo, I ran into one of our dedicated local Veterans advocates, John Fox, Vietnam Veteran and former Veterans of Foreign Wars Suffolk County Council Commander!

As a reminder, my office began holding staff office hours at the Rocky Point VFW Post 6249 every Thursday from 1pm to 5pm. You can call ahead if you want to book

an appointment at 631-289-1097 but walk-ins are always welcome!



Great to join Brookhaven Town Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro and Supervisor Ed Romaine to announce a \$380K federal infrastructure grant to improve roadway safety. While this particular infrastructure bill passed prior to my joining Congress, I supported it and I believe it's essential that Long Island's federal representatives ensure Long Island gets its fair share of the federal pie!



A big thanks to State Senator Anthony Palumbo for hosting his annual Environmental Roundtable with local officials and community stakeholders to discuss priorities and goals to keep Suffolk County's environment and waterways clean and pristine. I was proud to share that the House passed, with bipartisan support, my amendment to protect Long Island's waters from offshore drilling!



INTERVIEWS

I talked with News 12 from El Paso, Texas, to discuss the current crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border and what I heard from meeting with local officials and Law Enforcement. Click [HERE](#) to watch the full interview.



Sincerely,



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